

REMARKS

Claim Status

In this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 2, 11, and 12 into independent form, amended dependent claims 7-10 to depend from claim 2, and cancelled claims 1, 24, and 26. Accordingly, claims 2-14, 18-23, and 27 are pending, with claims 2, 11, 12, and 14 in independent form.

The Board of Appeals Decision in Appeal No. 2009-009155 reversed the Examiner's rejection of claims 2-6, 11-14, 20-23, and 27. The amendment herein puts the no-longer-rejected dependent claims into independent form or dependent on a no-longer-rejected independent claim. Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments presented herein, reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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